

**RHS, RBS, RUS, FSA, USDA****§ 1944.681**

103-354 office) will be used to document the rating.

(1) Points are awarded based on the percentage of very low-income persons that the applicant proposes to assist, using the following scale:

- (i) More than 80%: 20 points.
- (ii) 61% to 80%: 15 points.
- (iii) 41% to 60%: 10 points.
- (iv) 20% to 40%: 5 points.
- (v) Less than 20%: 0 points.

(2) The applicant's proposal may be expected to result in the following percentage of HPG fund use (excluding administrative costs) to total cost of unit preservation. This percentage reflects maximum repair or rehabilitation with the least possible HPG funds due to leveraging, innovative financial assistance, owner's contribution or other specified approaches. Points are awarded based on the following percentage of HPG funds (excluding administrative costs) to total funds:

- (i) 50% or less: 20 points.
- (ii) 51% to 65%: 15 points.
- (iii) 66% to 80%: 10 points.
- (iv) 81% to 95%: 5 points.
- (v) 96% to 100%: 0 points.

(3) The applicant has demonstrated its administrative capacity in assisting very low- and low-income persons to obtain adequate housing based on the following:

(i) The organization or a member of its staff has 2 or more years experience successfully managing and operating a rehabilitation or weatherization type program, including FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's HPG program: 10 points.

(ii) The organization or a member of its staff has 2 or more years experience successfully managing and operating a program assisting very low- and low-income persons obtain housing assistance: 10 points.

(iii) If the organization has administered grant programs, there are no outstanding or unresolved audit or investigative findings which might impair carrying out the proposal: 10 points.

(4) The proposed program will be undertaken entirely in rural areas outside MSAs identified by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 as having populations below 10,000 or in remote parts of other rural areas (i.e., rural areas contained in MSAs

with less than 5,000 population) as defined in §1944.656 of this subpart: 10 points.

(5) The program will use less than 20 percent of HPG funds for administration purposes:

- (i) More than 20%: Not Eligible.
- (ii) 20%: 0 points.
- (iii) 19%: 1 point.
- (iv) 18%: 2 points.
- (v) 17%: 3 points.
- (vi) 16%: 4 points.
- (vii) 15% or less: 5 points.

(6) The proposed program contains a component for alleviating overcrowding as defined in §1944.656 of this subpart: 5 points.

(c) In the event more than one preapplication receives the same amount of points, those preapplications will then be ranked based on the actual percentage figure used for determining the points under paragraph (b)(1) of this section. Further, in the event that preapplications are still tied, then those preapplications still tied will be ranked based on the percentage figures used (low to high) in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Further, for applications where assistance to rental properties or co-ops is proposed, those still tied will be further ranked based on the number of years the units are available for occupancy under the program (a minimum of 5 years is required). For this part, ranking will be based from most to least number of years. Finally, if there is still a tie, then a "lottery" System will be used.

**§ 1944.680 Limitation on grantee selection.**

After all preapplications have been reviewed under the selection criteria and if more than one preapplication has met the criteria of §1944.679(a) of this subpart, the State Director or approval official may not approve more than 50 percent of the State's allocation to a single entity.

**§ 1944.681 Application submission.**

Applicants selected by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 will be advised to submit a full application in an original and two copies